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1. ROC EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY PAUL TSO INFORMED US DECEMBER 12 THAT GROC CURRENTLY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THREE MONTH VISIT OF ROC VARIETY TROUPE TO US BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1975. TSO HAD NO FURTHER DETAIL ON TIMING OR ITINERARY. WHILE WE PRESENTLY AWARE OF NO CONFLICT DURING THIS PERIOD, WE WILL WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TROUPE'S PLANNED ITINERARY AND WAIT UNTIL NEARER ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL BEFORE GRANTING FORMAL APPROVAL. PROPOSED DURATION OF VISIT ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO OUR CAUTION.

2. IN CONTRAST TO LONG LEAD TIME PROVIDED ON PROPOSED VARIETY TROUPE VISIT, WE HAD ONLY TWO WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED TOUR OF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM (REFTEL). FORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH BASKETBALL TEAM
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VISIT, BUT WE WISH TO REITERATE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING

DISAPPOINTMENT AND PROBLEMS FOR ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

3. FYI. NEGOTIATIONS FOR VISITS DURING FIRST HALF OF

1975 BY TWO PRC TRAVELING GROUPS NOW TAKING PLACE.

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